

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B, 17TH & 18TH FEBRUARY, 2024

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

LENT 2024

Sunday 18 February - Rite of Election: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, 3.00pm

Tuesday 20 February - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's, 7.00pm

Thursday 22 February - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

Tuesday 27 February - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's, 7.00pm

Wednesday 28 February - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 10.00am

Thursday 29 February - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7.00pm

FUNERALS

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Meenaghan of Glendale Road, Shiremoor, who died on 18 January aged 86 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 20 February at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, followed by burial in Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.
- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne (Nancy) Davison of Rosemount Care Home, West Monkseaton, who died on 23 January aged 93 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on 21 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by committal at Whitley Bay Crematorium. May she rest in peace. Amen. All are welcome to attend.

LENT 2024

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, 14 February. There will be daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before weekday Masses from 9.00am (apart from 20 & 21 February due to Requiem Masses on both days). Stations of the Cross will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7.00pm, and a Lent Study Group will meet after 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays at Immaculate Heart Church. Further details will appear each week during Lent in the box above.

DIOCESAN LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

The Vicariate for Faith and Mission have produced booklets of Daily Lenten Reflections which are available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website at: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>. A small number of printed booklets are also available at the back of church.

LENT FAST DAY — FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Friday 23 February is a Day of Special Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World. Envelopes are available at the back of church and contributions are gratefully accepted. You can also donate via the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will be having parishioner-lead Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays as in previous years. If anyone would like to lead the Stations, please contact Deirdre James on 07963570901. Guidance and resources are available.

HOLY LAND — PRAYERS FOR PEACE

We pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all war-torn areas of the world. Violence impacts most on the vulnerable. As well as our prayers, the Catholic community in England and Wales is helping with the growing needs of the people in Gaza. The CAFOD emergency appeal is at: <https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal>.

PARISH OPEN MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 2024 – OUR LADY'S & ST EDMUND'S, BACKWORTH

Many thanks to those who attended the Parish Open Meeting on 1 February, chaired by our Dean, Fr Chris Hughes. The discussion confirmed the proposal to close Our Lady's & St Edmund's Backworth. A handout showing the diocesan procedure along with a report of the meeting is available at the back of church. Thanks especially to the Parish Council and Finance Committee members for their support. Further information will be available in the near future. Mgr. Andrew.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is held on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6.00pm, 17 February. St Edward's, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10.00am, 18 February. Children aged 3 - 11 are invited to attend.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 February in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club will be held on Thursday 29 February at 12.00pm at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984963769 or Deidre on 07963570901.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FOOD BANK

I hope you have all had a good start to 2024, despite the weather. Thank you all for your generosity over the years, it is much appreciated. This week we would be grateful for microwave rice, tinned or packet potatoes, biscuits, tinned vegetables & savoury snacks-crisps etc. Thank you.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024

Any parent/carer who wishes their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year is asked to get in touch. The programme is open to children in Years 4, 5 & 6. If you want to register your child please email us at 1holycommunionlss@gmail.com stating your child's full name and date of birth. We will contact those registered with further information once the programme is confirmed. Please pass this message on to any families who may not have seen this bulletin or whose children attend a school other than Star of the Sea Primary School. Many thanks.

ST. THOMAS MORE LOURDES FUND

Many thanks for your support at the cake stall at St. Edward's last Sunday morning. The total raised came to £230 for the St. Thomas More Lourdes fund which will assist a number of students going to Lourdes this Easter to help with the sick. Izzy Dutton.

JUBILEE YEAR — 2025

Next year is a jubilee year for the church and it has been suggested that we have a parish pilgrimage to Malta "(Following in the footsteps of St Paul)". It will probably be in May 2025. If you are interested, please contact Anne Ashton on 07989088020. The sooner we know possible numbers the sooner we can make plans. Thank you.

OTHER NOTICES

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP, ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Are you looking for something different for Lent this year? Why not join us in the Christian meditation group at St Cuthbert's in North Shields. We meet every Tuesday except holy days. Over Lent we will listen to Archbishop Rowan Williams talk on The Spirit in the Desert and how the wisdom of the 4th century Desert Mothers and Fathers

can help us in modern life. The link for the series of talks is <https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/ku5W9wqFKHKjX6IXADK>. We will guide those who are new to Christian Meditation. The session is 7.00pm to 8.00pm on 20 February. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

LOUDFENCE AT ST MARY'S & ST NICHOLAS' CATHEDRALS, NEWCASTLE — 3 to 6 MARCH 2024 — WELCOME TO ALL

Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Mary's Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30am Sunday Mass on the 3 March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6 March at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all other contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

The next lecture from the North East Catholic History Society will be on Wednesday 6 March at 2pm at St Joseph's Centre, High Street West, Gateshead. The speaker will be Claire Marsland from Durham University on the Fabric of Resistance, a truly fascinating project to source 16th and 17th century vestments made and preserved during religious persecution. Non-members welcome for a fee of £1, refreshments available.

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE

SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide support. Our programme operates with the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). We offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experiences for guests and hosts. This also includes transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival and support during placement. More information is at: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk> or email: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk

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A comprehensive Parish Directory is held in the Parish Office. The directory contains names and contact numbers for those responsible for various groups and activities in our Parish. Telephone the number below if you have an enquiry.

Current Parish Office opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4pm and Friday 9.15am - 2pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.
For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066.
Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

| MASSES & OTHER SERVICES | |
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| DAY & DATE | CHURCH |
| Saturday 17th February Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Maria Quinn (MQ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 18th February 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am A Sick Daughter (LH) |
| Monday 19th February | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 20th February | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 10.00am Requiem Mass Eddie Meenaghan |
| Wednesday 21st February | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 11.00am Requiem Mass Anne (Nancy) Davison |
| Thursday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am May & Norman Willcock (MHD) |
| Friday 23rd February | IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Word & Communion |
| Saturday 24th February Confessions 10.00am St Edward's 5.30pm Immaculate Heart | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Enzo Dimascio (MA) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm People of the Parish |
| Sunday 25th February 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am Ann Patricia Hayton (AO'N) |

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Layton Newton, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Elizabeth (Betty) Harrison & Terry Murray who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Eddie Meenaghan, Clare Richardson, Nancy Davison & Bernard Cowen. May they rest in peace. Amen.

During Lent and Easter the Church encourages us to profess the Apostles' Creed in Sunday Mass. This Creed is closely connected with Baptism and with those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and to receive the Eucharist for the first time during the Easter Vigil. We pray for all Catechumens during Lent.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord, (at the words that follow, all bow) *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

CAFOD LENT PRAYER

Loving God, when our boat is rocked on the sea of life, by poverty, illness or disaster, you quiet the waves, calm the storm, and lead us safely to shore. When we work hard, for our daily bread, but at the end of the day go hungry, you walk alongside us, calling, "cast out your nets", knowing there is enough for all. When we are lost, and uncertain of how to make a change in our world, your words ring out: "Come, follow me", guiding us to new life with you. Lead us, Lord, to play our part in calming the storm and sharing your gifts with each other, so that all people throughout the world may look to the future with hope. Amen.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington: Contact the Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476.

RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals: Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, on 0191 2733903.

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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READINGS AT MASS
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First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

We say the Psalm together

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.</p> | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.</p> | |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God. Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Word of the Father, Son of God.

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**